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In re Patent Application of:
Uwe Schnitzler et al.

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For: APPARATUS FOR COAGULATING TISSUE

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2010, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-15, 17 and 19-21, and further in response to the Advisory Action dated December 30, 2010, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.